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THE Commiſſaries of his Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury, Preſident, and the other Biſhops, and Clergy, of the Provinces aſſembled in Convocation; having unanimouſly agreed upon an Addreſs to His Majeſty, were Yeſterday introduced by His Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord Chamberlain of His Majeſty's Houſehold, and preſented it to His Majeſty, and were very graciouſly received.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Commiſſaries of the Archbiſhop, Preſident of the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, and of the other Biſhops, and Clergy, of the ſame Province, aſſembled in Convocation.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Biſhops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury aſſembled in Convocation, beg Leave to expreſs the juſt Senſe we have of your Majeſty's conſtant Favour and Goodneſs to us; we acknowledge, in the moſt thankful Manner, the many gracious and publick Aſſurances which we have receiv'd ſince your Acceſſion to the Throne, of your firm Reſolution to maintain the Church of England as by Law eſtabliſh'd, and to protect the Biſhops and Clergy in a full Enjoyment of their Religious and Civil Rights. Gratitude therefore, as well as Duty, lays the ſtricteſt Obligation upon us, and upon the whole Body of the Clergy, to employ our utmoſt Endeavours, in our ſeveral Stations, to render your Majeſty's Government eaſy and proſperous, and chearfully to concur in all Meaſures which tend to the Support of your Royal Authority, and to the perpetual Eſtabliſhment of your Family on the Throne of theſe Kingdoms; the only ſure Foundation of Safety and Happineſs to us and our Poſterity.

The juſt Concern we have, not only for our holy Religion, but alſo for your Majeſty and your Government, oblige us to take this Opportunity of expreſſing our earneſt Wiſhes and Deſires, that all legal Methods may be uſed for diſcountenancing and ſuppreſſing that unuſual Licentiouſneſs in Principle and Practice, which prevails among us; not only to the Diſhonour of the Chriſtian Name, and the Ruin of Men's Souls, but to the removing out of their Minds thoſe Impreſſions of Religion, which conduce above all things to ſecure Reſpect and Reverence to Authority, and Peace and Welfare to Civil Government. In this pious and neceſſary Work, the Biſhops and Clergy, as the Miniſters of Jeſus Chriſt, and as Subjects to your Sacred Majeſty, are obliged by all the Ties of Religion and Loyalty to labour and aſſiſt; which we faithfully promiſe to do, in a diligent Uſe of all ſuch Means and Endeavours, as properly belong to our holy Profeſſion. And a like hearty Concern for the Proteſtant Religion and your Majeſty's Government, will alſo oblige us to have a very watchful Eye upon Popery, and to do our Part towards the putting a Stop to the Progreſs of it, as the certain Ruin and Deſtruction of both.

And while we are engaging to promote ſuch Meaſures and Deſigns, as are neceſſary to ſecure the Tranquility and Happineſs of our own Nation; we ſhould be unmindful of our Character as Miniſters of the Goſpel of Peace, if we did not add our earneſt Prayers to God, that your Majeſty's Pious and Chriſtian Endeavours to prevent War and Bloodſhed, and to eſtabliſh the general Peace of Europe, may be ſpeedily crowned with Succeſs.

To which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to give the following moſt gracious Anſwer.

I Thank you for this dutiful and loyal Addreſs, and am glad of any Occaſion to repeat the Aſſurances I have given, of my firm Reſolution to maintain the Church of England, as by Law eſtabliſh'd, and to protect the Biſhops and Clergy in the Enjoyment of their religious and civil Rights. Your Zeal to ſuppreſs Licentiouſneſs, and to ſtop the Growth of Popery, is highly commendable: And nothing ſhall be wanting on my Part, to give your Endeavours the deſired Effects.

AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 12th Day of *February*, 1734.

PRESENT,

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

This Day the Right Honourable William Earl of Eſſex, James Earl Waldegrave, and Stephen Poyntz, Eſq; were, by His Majeſty's Command, Sworn of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, and took their Places at the Board accordingly.

Hague, Feb. 27, *N. S.* His moſt Serene Highneſs the Prince of Orange returned hither laſt Night from Frieſland.

Exciſe Office, London, Feb. 12, 1734.

By Order of the Hon. Commiſſioners of Exciſe. On Thurſday the 20th Inſtant, will be expoſed to Sale in their Court Room in the Old Jury, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, ſeveral Parcels of Condemn'd Bohea and Green Tea, Coffee Raw and Roaſted, Chocolate, Brandy, Rum, Geneva, and Cordial Waters; which may be viewed the 15th and 17th Inſtant, at the Exciſe Office, and at the Warehouſes near the Cuſtom-houſe, from Nine to Twelve in the Morning, and from Two to Five in the Afternoon, and on the Day of Sale from Nine to Twelve in the Forenoon. Printed Allotments of the Particulars will be delivered at the ſaid Office on Saturday the 15th Inſtant.

A General Meeting of Truſtees for repairing and amending the Turnpike Roads in the Counties of Surry and Suſſex, is appointed to be on Thurſday the 27th of this Inſtant February, at the King's Arms Tavern, St. Margaret's Hill, Southwark, at Ten a-Clock in the Forenoon, to chuſe Truſtees in the Room of thoſe Deceaſed, and other ſpecial Affairs relating to the ſaid Truſt.

Whereas a Quarterly Meeting of the Truſtees for Welwyn Turnpike, in the County of Hertford, was appointed to have been held by Adjournments at the Swan at Welwyn on Monday the 3d of this Inſtant February, at which Time and Place there did not appear a ſufficient Number of Truſtees to act and to adjourn to another Day: Therefore the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees, purſuant to the Act of Parliament for eſtabliſhing the ſaid Turnpike, doth hereby deſire and appoint the ſaid Truſtees to meet at the ſaid Swan at Welwyn on Monday the 3d Day of March next.

Advertiſements.

London, March 1ſt, 1734.

THE Nobility, Gentry, and others, who have been pleaſed to view the Original Gallery Picture of Cupid and Venus, by Michael Angelo Buonarroti, at Eſſex Houſe, Eſſex ſtreet, in the Strand, may receive their Tickets, numbered, check'd, and fill'd up for Saturday the 24th of March next, at Meſſ. Knight and Jackſon, Bankers, in Lombard-ſtreet, on paying Ten Guineas per Ticket for the ſame. NB. If the Fifty Tickets are not taken away by the 24th of ſaid March, we will return the Money paid on that Account the Monday following, on delivering up the Tickets given out by us, Knight and Jackſon.

Witneſs, Richmond Riggs.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of William Bellamy, late of the Inner-Temple, London, Eſq; deceaſed, are to come and prove their Debts before William Spicer, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Clifford's-Inn, London.